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(SBU) Polcouns and poloff delivered subject demarche to Inspector General for Arab and Islamic Relations Mohammed Azeroual on Dec. 1. Azeroual welcomed the efforts that the Obama Administration had put into developing a multi-faceted new approach to a very difficult problem. He noted that U.S. partners like Morocco were pleased to see the heavy emphasis on tangible development on the ground, which he characterized as essential in Afghanistan, especially in the areas of education, health, and infrastructure. He opined that the U.S. mission in Afghanistan will be challenging and expressed his government's hope that the new strategy would succeed.

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